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CIT Name	Recruitment of CalSAWS Chief Information Security Officer Closing on October 24, 2025

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Description

Purpose

CalSAWS is recruiting specifically for a Chief information Security Officer with experience in cybersecurity, compliance, and risk management expertise to join the CalSAWS team, with responsibility in a senior security leadership role.

Background

In June 2019, the fifty-eight (58) counties of California State formed the CalSAWS Consortium as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to represent the interests of all 58 counties and govern the CalSAWS portfolio, including financial, contracting, resourcing and strategic direction of CalSAWS projects.

As of October 2023, all counties have been migrated to a unified statewide system and are now in 58-county maintenance and operations (M&O). CalSAWS is now transitioning from its current systems integrator to new contracts/vendors for ongoing M&O in phases. Transition of its primary infrastructure services was completed in February 2025, with transition of ancillaries concluded in July 2025. Transition of Maintenance and Enhancements (M&E) services is expected to conclude by January 2026.

Position Summary

The CISO reports directly to executive leadership and collaborates with stakeholders across state and county agencies, technology partners, auditors, and oversight bodies. This role drives risk management, security operations, and the adoption of frameworks such as NIST and Zero Trust, while leading a team that includes the Information Security Officer (ISO) and Security Engineer.

This position is a long-term position. This is a hybrid/remote work role, with expectations of some onsite work on a regular basis.

How to Apply

The CalSAWS Project will accept applications through **October 24, 2025**, as described below. All submissions will be reviewed, with interviews scheduled for the most qualified candidates.

County Candidates: County employee candidates should discuss possible staffing options with their county management. Counties will determine whether they can support staff applying for positions, including county position and pay range. The Consortium can help provide additional information as needed.

Please complete the Request for Consideration, including management's signature, scan and send the completed document, *along with a resume*, to Careers@CalSAWS.org.

Public Candidates: For public candidates (or candidates whose county is not able to support a staff member on the project), the CalSAWS Consortium contracts with Regional Government Services (RGS) to provide staff for the consortium.

Please complete and email your Request for Consideration to Careers@CalSAWS.org along with a resume.

This recruitment closes **October 24, 2025**.

If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary and Backup Contacts.

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Attachments

CalSAWS Security and Operations Manager Description
CalSAWS Request for Consideration

Web Portal Link

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You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps:

1. Click on the CRFIs & CITs link at the top of the page.
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who may apply for these positions?

This recruitment is open to California counties' staff and the public, preferably with SAWS experience. Candidates should review the open job descriptions for further information regarding the type of assignment, salary range, etc.

2. What if I currently work for a county, or as a member of the CalSAWS Project, and wish to remain with my current employer if I am selected?

Internal project or external county candidates are welcome to remain with their current employer, provided that the county or entity will support them working at the CalSAWS project(s). Candidates should discuss personnel options with their current employer, including potential salary. Each employer determines the appropriate employee classification, salary, and benefit package. CalSAWS can provide additional information to the counties to assist with this discussion.

3. What if I don't work for a SAWS project, a county, or my county is not able to support me on the Project should I be selected?

We certainly appreciate when counties can support their staff in these projects, but we also understand that it is not always possible for counties to provide staff to the Project.

The CalSAWS Consortium contracts with Regional Government Services (RGS) to provide the personnel administration for some current CalSAWS Project staff. This option will continue to be available for this recruitment.

4. Tell me more about the RGS option.

Regional Government Services (RGS) is a Joint Powers Authority that provides human resources and personnel administration for public agencies and municipalities. RGS has been a good partner to the CalSAWS Consortium who has contracted with RGS since 2009 and continues to utilize this resource for CalSAWS Design, Development and Implementation (DD&I) and CalSAWS Maintenance and Operations (M&O). Payroll and benefits with RGS are comparable to working for a county; however, there is no reciprocity for years of service as there is between most counties with respect to retirement. RGS offers comparable pay and benefit packages for employees, which includes an employer retirement contribution and 401k offerings.

5. What about travel since this is a statewide project?

All positions may be subject to some short-term travel in order to conduct project business with the State and counties. Positions assigned to the Customer Engagement team are expected to travel to counties throughout the State on a frequent basis. The CalSAWS project office is currently located in Roseville and is expected to open an office in Norwalk in the near future.

There are short-term travel funds available for project staff who travel out to the counties or other project sites, as required. Staff will follow their employers' short-term travel policy to cover travel expenses. CalSAWS can provide additional information, as needed.

Currently, CalSAWS accommodates remote/telework with onsite expectations based on specific activities.